

9. Requests the Special Committee to continue to seek the best ways and means for the implementation of the Declaration with respect to Bermuda, Cayman Islands, Montserrat and Turks and Caicos Islands, including the possible dispatch of visiting missions in consultation with the administering Power, and to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-second session on the implementation of the present resolution.

31/53. Question of Timor

Date: 1 December 1976 Meeting: 85
Vote: 68-20-49 (recorded) Report: A/31/362

The General Assembly,

Recognizing the inalienable right of all peoples to self-determination and independence in accordance with the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, contained in its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960,

Recalling its resolution 3485 (XXX) of 12 December 1975 and Security Council resolutions 384 (1975) of 22 December 1975 and 389 (1976) of 22 April 1976,

Having examined the chapter of the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples relating to the Territory, 44/

Bearing in mind the part regarding the question of East Timor of the Political Declaration adopted by the Fifth Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Colombo from 16 to 19 August 1976, 45/

Having heard the statement of the representative of Portugal, 46/

Having also heard the statement of the representative of the Frente Revolucionária de Timor Leste Independente, 47/

Mindful that all States should, in conformity with Article 2, paragraph 4, of the Charter of the United Nations, refrain in their international relations from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or national independence of any State, or in any other manner inconsistent with the purposes of the United Nations,

Deeply concerned at the critical situation resulting from the military intervention of the armed forces of Indonesia in East Timor,

1. Reaffirms the inalienable right of the people of East Timor to self-determination and independence and the legitimacy of their struggle to achieve that right;

2. Reaffirms its resolution 3485 (XXX) and Security Council resolutions 384 (1975) and 389 (1976);

3. Affirms the principles stated in the part regarding the question of East Timor of the Political Declaration adopted by the Fifth Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries;

4. Strongly deplores the persistent refusal of the Government of Indonesia to comply with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 3485 (XXX) and Security Council resolutions 384 (1975) and 389 (1976);

5. Rejects the claim that East Timor has been integrated into Indonesia, inasmuch as the people of the Territory have not been able to exercise freely their right to self-determination and independence;

44/ A/31/23/Add.6, chap. XII.

45/ A/31/197, annex I, para. 36.

46/ See A/C.4/31/SR.13.

47/ Ibid.

6. Calls upon the Government of Indonesia to withdraw all its forces from the Territory;

7. Draws the attention of the Security Council, in conformity with Article 11, paragraph 3, of the Charter of the United Nations, to the critical situation in the Territory of East Timor and recommends that it should take all effective steps for the immediate implementation of its resolutions 384 (1975) and 389 (1976) with a view to securing the full exercise by the people of East Timor of their right to self-determination and independence;

8. Requests the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples to keep the situation in the Territory under active consideration, to follow the implementation of the present resolution, to dispatch to the Territory as soon as possible a visiting mission with a view to the full and speedy implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-second session;

9. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-second session an item entitled "Question of East Timor".

RECORDED VOTE ON RESOLUTION 31/53:

YES - ABSTAIN - NO

Afghanistan ☒
 Albania ☐
 Algeria ☐
 Angola ☐
 Argentina ☒
 Australia ☒
 Austria ☒
 Bahamas ☒
 Bahrain ☒
 Bangladesh ☒
 Barbados ☐
 Belgium ☒
 Benin ☐
 Bhutan ☒
 Bolivia ☒
 Botswana ☐
 Brazil ☐
 Bulgaria ☐
 Burma ☐
 Burundi ☐
 Byelorussian SSR ☐
 Canada ☒
 Cape Verde ☐
 Central African Rep. ☐
 Chad ☐
 Chile ☒
 China ☐
 Colombia ☒
 Comoros ☐
 Congo ☐
 Costa Rica ☒
 Cuba ☐
 Cyprus ☐
 Czechoslovakia ☐
 Democratic Kampuchea ☐
 Democratic Yemen ☐
 Denmark ☒

YES - ABSTAIN - NO

Dominican Republic ☐
 Ecuador ☒
 Egypt ☒
 El Salvador ☐
 Equatorial Guinea ☐
 Ethiopia ☐
 Fiji ☐
 Finland ☐
 France ☐
 Gabon ☐
 Gambia ☐
 German Dem. Rep. ☐
 Germany, Fed. Rep. ☐
 Ghana ☐
 Greece ☐
 Grenada ☒
 Guatemala ☒
 Guinea ☐
 Guinea-Bissau ☐
 Guyana ☐
 Haiti ☐
 Honduras ☒
 Hungary ☐
 Iceland ☐
 India ☐
 Indonesia ☐
 Iran ☐
 Iraq ☐
 Ireland ☐
 Israel ☐
 Italy ☐
 Ivory Coast ☐
 Jamaica ☐
 Japan ☐
 Jordan ☐
 Kenya ☐

YES - ABSTAIN - NO

Kuwait ☐
 Lao Peoples Dem. Rep. ☐
 Lebanon ☐
 Lesotho ☐
 Liberia ☐
 Libyan Arab Republic ☐
 Luxembourg ☒
 Madagascar ☐
 Malawi ☐
 Malaysia ☐
 Maldives ☐
 Mali ☐
 Malta ☐
 Mauritania ☐
 Mauritius ☐
 Mexico ☐
 Mongolia ☐
 Morocco ☐
 Mozambique ☐
 Nepal ☐
 Netherlands ☐
 New Zealand ☐
 Nicaragua ☐
 Niger ☐
 Nigeria ☒
 Norway ☒
 Oman ☐
 Pakistan ☐
 Panama ☐
 Papua New Guinea ☐
 Paraguay ☐
 Peru ☐
 Philippines ☐
 Poland ☐
 Portugal ☐
 Qatar ☐

YES - ABSTAIN - NO

Romania ☐
 Rwanda ☐
 Sao Tome and Principe ☐
 Saudi Arabia ☐
 Senegal ☐
 Seychelles ☐
 Sierra Leone ☐
 Singapore ☐
 Somalia ☒
 South Africa ☐
 Spain ☐
 Sri Lanka ☐
 Sudan ☐
 Surinam ☐
 Swaziland ☐
 Sweden ☐
 Syrian Arab Republic ☐
 Thailand ☐
 Togo ☐
 Trinidad and Tobago ☐
 Tunisia ☐
 Turkey ☐
 Uganda ☐
 Ukrainian SSR ☐
 USSR ☐
 United Arab Emirates ☐
 United Kingdom ☐
 Un. Rep. of Cameroon ☐
 Un. Rep. of Tanzania ☐
 United States ☐
 Upper Volta ☐
 Uruguay ☐
 Venezuela ☐
 Yemen ☐
 Yugoslavica ☐
 Zaire ☐
 Zambia ☐

* Later advised the Secretariat it had intended to vote in favor.

** Later advised the Secretariat they had intended to abstain.